

City of Easton FIRE DEPARTMENT 2013 Annual Report



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**Fire Chief
John B. Bast, CFO, MIFireE**

**Deputy Fire Chief
John H. Price, CFI-IAAI, FO**

THE EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Easton Fire Department is an “All Hazards Department” that not only responds to fires, but to rescue/emergency medical incidents, hazardous conditions, public safety service calls, good intent calls and severe weather events in the City of Easton. We expect our work to make a difference in the quality of life in our city.

Fire Chief Bast oversees 43 professionals that serve with excellence, dedication and pride. There are three fire stations strategically located throughout the city housing a fleet of five engines, one tower ladder, one rescue truck, two rescue boats, one support unit and two staff vehicles.

Deputy Chief Price heads the Fire Marshal’s office and training division. The fire marshal determines the origin and cause of all fires and assists the Codes Department with fire code enforcement. In addition, the training division oversees all recruit training and continuing education for all department members.

Not only does the fire department respond to emergencies, but they conduct numerous fire safety programs, such as free smoke detector program, station tours, children’s fire prevention programs, fire extinguisher training and fire youth interventions.

Our members also take part in many community activities and fund raisers for groups such as the Burn Prevention Network ,Salvation Army, Cheston Elementary School, Coats for Kids, Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer Awareness, Weed & Seed and Safe Kids.

PROPERTY SAVED

During 2013 there was \$13.9 million worth of property at risk due to fire

Ninety-four percent of the property involved was saved.

Only \$849,000 worth of property was lost



CASUALTIES

Our Quick Response Service attended to 229 patients.

There were 11 civilian injuries due to fire.

Three civilians perished in a dwelling fire.



FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

During 2013 there were 277 fire investigations with the following results: 17 found to be intentional, 229 found to be unintentional, 1 unintentional by a child older than 10 years, 10 caused by equipment failure, 13 were undetermined, 6 were found to be other causes and 1 remains under investigation.



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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

676 Non-Incident Activities	5,311 Staff-Hours
208 Training Sessions	3,385 Staff-Hours
47 Inspection Activities	84 Free Smoke Detectors Installed

INCIDENT RESPONSES

The Easton Fire Department responded to
1,720 emergency calls in 2013

District	2013	2012
College Hill	366	391
Downtown	526	479
South Side	329	356
West Ward	444	470
Glendon	32	28
Mutual Aid	19	12

RESPONSE TIMES

Average response time for first unit on scene 4 minutes

Average response time for the second unit 4 minutes
40 seconds

RESPONSE TYPES	2013	2012
Fire	281	310
Overpressurization	3	4
Rescue/EMS	329	361
Hazardous Condition	195	281
Service Call	84	104
Good Intent	136	171
False Call	458	455
Severe Weather	4	13
Special Call	1	4
First Responder	229	221

APPARATUS RESPONSES

2011 - 12 Spartan Rescue Pumper	490
2012- 98 KME Pumper	626
R2014- 98 KME Pumper	274
R2015 - 95 E-One Pumper	56
2016 - 04 KME Pumper	818
2022 – 09 KME Tower Ladder	461
2041 - 08 Ford Rescue	1,364
R2044 - 96 Rescue Boat	0
2045 - 05 Rescue Boat	6
2046 - 04 Chevrolet Utility	106
2050 – Fire Chief	16
2051 – Deputy Fire Chief	<u>62</u>
Total Apparatus Responses	4,279



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Fire Prevention



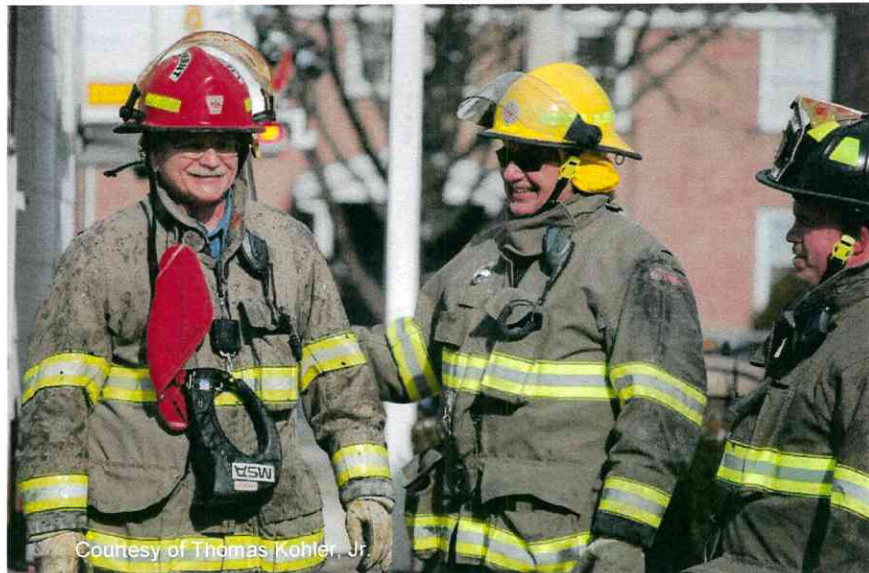
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The Easton Fire Department conducted 84 fire prevention programs that reached over 4,700 children and over 2,700 adults.

These programs included fire station tours, fire prevention presentations and fire extinguisher training to daycare and nursing home facilities.



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